

**NATIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE
ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
FOR
PRE-SOLICITATION NOTICE**

28. **Question:** What criteria (percentage of project contract value or dollar value) will you use to determine that a particular subcontractor is key member of the team?

Answer: It is the Contractor's determination as to who is the major subcontractor.

29. **Question:** What is the basis of estimate for this program? Is this an engineer type or program estimate? May we receive a copy?

Answer: Neither engineer type nor program estimates will be made available to offerors. Assuming you are referring to the amount stated in 1.2 of the pre-solicitation notice, that amount is based on a programmatic estimate and is not available for distribution.

30. **Question:** Please define the role of Bechtel and Raytheon in the National Missile Defense Project.

Answer: Bechtel National, Inc. does work for the LSI contractor, Boeing, under two subcontracts. It provides technical and engineering support services associated with preparing the facilities requirements document. Bechtel also does construction for LSI in conjunction with building test facilities on Meck Island (Kwajalein), Vandenberg Air Force Base and in Huntsville, Alabama. The LSI contractor, Boeing, has subcontracted with Raytheon to develop the radar system and the kill vehicle.

31. **Question:** We understand that captioned photographs are excluded from the 50-page limit. Other required documents could add significantly to the page count. Specifically, are any of the following also excluded from the 50-page limit?

- Table of Contents (4.2)
- Information Page (4.2)
- Letters of Recognition, Appreciation, or Awards (5.1.2.2)
- Income Statements and Balance Sheets (5.1.2.4)
- Accident Reports (5.1.2.9)
- Table of Contents of Procedures (5.3.2.2)

Answer: All are excluded from the 50-page limit.

32. **Question:** Will prime contractors be allowed credit toward meeting USACE goals for Small Business or Native American firms if those firms are a team member or named subcontractor?

Answer: If the Native American firm is considered a Small Business, then they can be counted toward any Small Business goals.

33. **Question:** Will prime contractors be required to solicit competitive bids from Small Business or Native American firms if they are a team member or named subcontractor?

Answer: This will be addressed further during Phase II, when the RFP is issued.

34. **Question:** Page 1 of the Presolicitation Notice refers you to <http://www.hnd.usace.army.mil> for all subsequent revisions to the solicitation. In checking the site, I could find no listing of the project. Normally, we find that most of the sites contain the solicitation plus any revisions. Is the website address correct, and are there no current revisions?

Answer: Yes, this website is correct. At the Huntsville Center home page, at the left side of the screen, click on: “Doing Business with CEHNC”; “Directorate of Contracting”; “Events”; “NMD Information”; “Amendment 1 to Presolicitation Notice”.

35. **Question:** Given the volume of information to be supplied in the Phase I solicitation, fifty pages seems inadequate considering the Project Listings, Awards, Survey Forms, Experience, Management Approach and Execution plans, Matrices, ect. Can the page limitation be increased to 75-100 pages?

Answer: 50 pages is the limit.

36. **Question:** 5.1.2.4 requires audited financials for the past three years. Are these financials to be excluded from the page count?

Answer: Yes, excluded from the page count.

37. **Question:** Ref. 4.1 Format – Submittals are not to exceed 50 pages. We assume that the Cover Letter and Table of Contents are excluded from the 50-page limit for the presolicitation statement. Please verify that this assumption is correct.

Answer: Yes, Cover Letter and Table of Contents are excluded from the 50-pages.

38. **Question:** Ref. 4.1 Format – We understand that we must limit the use of 11 x 17 size pages to the extent practicable, when they are used, do they count as one page or two?

Answer: Counted as one page.

39. **Question:** Ref. 5.1.2.2 Letters of Recognition – Those letters could extend to several pages; therefore, we request that letters of recognition be excluded from the page count or included as an addendum to the presolicitation statement.

Answer: Excluded from the page count limit.

40. **Question:** Ref. Instruction 5.1.2.4 The offeror shall provide audited Income Statement and Balance Sheets for the past three fiscal years. These statements are approximately nine pages long, totaling 27 pages, to cover the statements for the past three years. Therefore we request that these pages be excluded from the page count or included as an addendum to the presolicitation statement.

Answer: Excluded from the page count limit.

41. **Question:** Ref. Instruction 5.3.2.2 Management Approach and Procedures: This instruction asks us to provide the Table of contents of existing procedures. (deleted) Quality Systems Procedures Manual provides the policies and procedures for execution and management of all (deleted) projects. The Table of contents for this two-volume manual is eight pages. Therefore, we request that these pages be excluded from the page count or included as an addendum to the presolicitation statement.

Answer: Excluded from the page count limit.

42. **Question:** Ref. 5.4 Teaming Arrangements. Firms with no experience teaming with other firms in the proposed team will receive less consideration for this evaluation factor. (deleted) has all of the experience and capabilities necessary to meet all project needs without teaming with others. We feel that this approach is the most advantageous to the Government since the Government will only have to interface with one company for all project needs. Therefore, please advise as to how we will be evaluated in this section. We do not understand what “less consideration” means. Please explain.

Answer: Responders to the Pre-solicitation Notice are not required to team. If the RFP requires you to propose a team, the government wants assurance that your team would function as a single organization.